Heritage Farm Commission Regular Meeting August 1, 2016

The Bolton Heritage Farm Commission held a regular meeting on August 1, 2016 at the Notch Road Municipal building. Members in attendance were Chairman Sandra Pierog, Arlene Fiano, Ann Maulucci and Kathy Aspinall. Beth Harney was not present. Building and grounds supervisor John Butrymovich was also present. Bolton residents in attendance were Bonnie Massey

1. Call to order

Sandra Pierog called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

2. Approval of the Minutes of July 11, 2016

Kathy Aspinall made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; the motion was seconded by Ann Maulucci.

3. Unfinished Business

A. Farm maintenance and repair projects

John Butrymovich stated Save a Tree was out for a second round of spraying. John also stated his crew has been mowing and using the brush hog on fields that Leonard has not used.

B. Update on barn repairs (post fire)

Sandra Pierog stated the entire barn is painted, all the siding is repaired. Sandra stated they are still working on the milk shed but the cement has been poured. Sandra stated they have also begun putting up the bead-board in the equipment room. She also stated the work is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

C. Update on Fund Raising

Sandra stated two additional donations came in for the Heritage farm in memory of Joel Hoffman. The total is \$1,025. Sandra stated she will send two donors and Ruth Hoffman a thank you letter. Sandra stated she spoke with Ruth Hoffman briefly about placing a bench on the farm. John Butrymovich brought some pictures of different benches, Sandra asked John to bring more info with pricing for the benches at the next meeting.

D. Farmers Market 2016

Sandra stated she sent out the draft from last meeting with a few changes, she put response cards in with the letter that can be emailed or mailed back to her. The farmers market is Sunday August 28th this year. Sandra also stated the Board of Selectmen liked the idea of using the front of the library for local business to set up for the farmers market.

Arlene asked John about the signage for the farmers market, he stated he will find where they are stored and put them out. John also stated once Sandra knows where everyone will be setting up just send him a diagram and he will go out and spray the lines for display areas. Sandra stated they will have a special meeting on August 23rd at 7 P.M. to go over last minute details.

E. Heritage Weekend 2016

Sandra stated Heritage Weekend will be on October 1st, the fire department will be doing a presentation of the history of the Bolton fire department.

Kathy Aspinall stated she had contacted Tracy Langoria about having her bring the petting zoo to the farmers market as well as to Heritage Farm weekend. Kathy stated she was licensed and insured.

F. Financial Feasibility Proposal

Sandra Pierog stated she needs to ask the Board of Selectmen for funds to cover the feasibility report. Maura Cochran has agreed to help the Commission write up a proposal and a plan for the farm.

G. Discussion of location of type of memorial recognitions

Nothing at this time

H. Bolton Center Subcommittee (formerly Vibrant Communities grant) status report Nothing at this time

I. Student/School Participation

Nothing at this time

J. Policy for Use of the Farm by Organized Groups

Sandra stated the Cub Scouts emailed her about using the farm for a view meteor shower on August 12th and on October 9th for a rocket event. Sandra is going to ask the Cub Scout leader and make sure they have no objections if others are present as well.

K. Future Use of Farm House

Sandra stated she was contacted by an additional individual about the farm and potential rehab of the house.

L. Other Nothing at this time

4. New Business A. Archeological site Boundaries Nothing at this time

B. Discussion of Future Grants, Repair opportunities

Nothing at this time

C. Other Nothing at this time

5. Adjournment

Arlene Fiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Aspinall seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien Board Clerk

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.